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For: CONTINUOUS CAST ALUMINUM ALLOY ROD AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREOF

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In further compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations:

JP-B-8-32356 is cited in the first full paragraph on page 3 of the specification. The published patent application of the cited Japanese reference, JP 64-015253, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 12, 2005. Applicants enclose an English-language Patent Abstracts of Japan as a further concise statement of relevance for these two documents.

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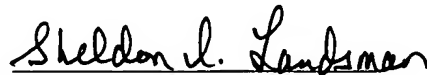
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